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July 7, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. 
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SUBJECT: **BEACH WATER QUALITY**

On May 30, 2006, your Board approved a motion by Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe instructing me, along with the Directors of Health Services, Public Works, and Beaches and Harbor in conjunction with County Beach Commission, County Beach Lifeguards, beach cities' representatives and environmental groups including Heal the Bay, to report on recommendations for improving the evaluation and communication of beach health risk factors to the public and report back in 30 days.

Department staff from Public Health, Public Works, Beaches and Harbors, and County Beach Lifeguards have met and have developed a preliminary approach, taking into consideration the written communication from Heal the Bay. We need additional time to complete communications with the cities and other entities and will provide our detailed response by July 17, 2006.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need more information, please let me know.

JEF:lm

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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